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To: Martinson, Mathew [martinson.mathew@epa.gov]

Subject: Re: LUB Followup Plan

Thanks. I appreciate the follow-up and I especially appreciate the focus with so much going on.

I did talk briefly with Ed yesterday on the topic of a role for an Ops Director. Short version is that it is something I want to engage Michelle on, in large part because we may need her support to make such an assignment successful depending upon how we proceed. If you have further thoughts on this aspect, let's fold those into a Monday discussion.

You continue to reinforce for me that we are fortunate you decided to give EPA a try. Thanks for all that you bring. Have a great weekend.

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On Jan 24, 2020, at 8:51 AM, Martinson, Mathew <martinson.mathew@epa.gov> wrote:

Dan,

I just want to give you a quick update on the actions in response to the petition regarding nitrates in the Lower Umatilla Basin. I met with the Branch Chief and Section Chief in ECAD (Jeff and Peter). We have come up with an approach to lead the staff efforts. I'm working on a plan that we will present to you and Ed.

Personally, I got through reading all 32 pages of the actual petition but none of the appendices.

I know that there is a volume of email coming in, and that there's an urgency to evaluate the assertions. I'll be prepared to discuss the way forward on Monday if needed.

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